

California Department of Veterans Affairs

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Classification: **Infection Control Specialist (\$5803-\$7315)**
Permanent, Full-Time

Location: Veterans Home of California-Barstow

Apply: Current State employees within this classification or those who are eligible on a certification list, transfers, or reinstatements. SROA/SURPLUS PROVISIONS APPLY.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Infection Control Specialist, under direction, develops, implements and administers facility-wide systems for the prevention and control of infection and diseases; assures compliance with regulations governing infection control and does other related work.

Under supervision, identify need for, plan, develop, implement and monitor infectious control systems for hospital and domiciliary areas through observation consultation, and evaluation of statistical and medical reports; and analyze data to determine and solve problems.

Advise department of changes in law and advances in medical knowledge related to communicable disease and infection control; provide recommended program changes with supportive data; develop and apply appropriate changes and evaluate to ensure compliance with regulatory agencies; advise on the management of outbreaks to prevent spread of infection through epidemiological investigation; consult with appropriate agencies; institute infection control measures; instruct supervisory staff; cooperate with local state and federal agencies in reporting of disease, follow-up of referrals and respond to inquiries; maintain knowledge of health regulations, infection control practices, procedures and theories through review of literature, association with peer groups, formal education courses and membership in professional organization; participate in Medical Staff Committee meetings; and participate in Quality Assurance, Utilization Management, Health and Safety, and Risk Management programs.

Desirable Qualifications:

Knowledge of basic components of an effective Infection Control Program; epidemiological principles and statistical and environmental microbiology in the prevention and control of infection among patients, employees and visitors; causes of infectious diseases, modes of transmission and effective prevention and control measures; basic principles of sterilization, disinfection and sanitization; local, State and Federal regulations regarding infectious waste; infection risks related to patient care practices involving invasive procedures, equipment, therapeutic and diagnostic measures and treatment modalities; employee health program to prevent and control infections.; current immunization recommendations for infection control; required communicable disease reporting; and current trends in infection control.

Ability to work effectively with others; communicate effectively; assess effectiveness of the Infection Control Program; develop policies and procedures for infection control; evaluate products for use in health care facility from infection control viewpoint; teach related education programs; identify patients at increased risk of infection and infection risk potential associated with procedures and equipment; conduct special studies related to infection control and be a resource person in infection control for administration, medical, nursing and ancillary departments.

How to Apply: Candidates should submit a State Application (STD. 678) and résumé to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Home of California, Barstow
100 E. Veterans Parkway
Barstow, CA 92311

Inquiries:

Voice: (760) 252-6283
TDD: (760) 252-6234

NOTE: In line #12 of the State Application, You must clearly indicate the basis of your eligibility; i.e., List, Transfer, SROA, Surplus, Reemployment or Reinstatement. Failure to do so could result in being rejected from the interview process.

Final Filing Date: Until filled

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